

Chapter DCF 57

APPENDIX B

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements – Ages 1–12

The meal pattern shall contain, as a minimum, each of the following components in the amounts indicated for the specific age group.

	Age 1 & 2	Age 3, 4, & 5	Age 6 up to 12
BREAKFAST			
1. Milk	1/2 cup	3/4 cup	1 cup
2. Juice ^a or fruit or vegetable	1/4 cup	1/2 cup	1/2 cup
3. Grains/breads: ^b			
Bread	1/2 slice	1/2 slice	1 slice
Cereal:			
Cold dry	1/4 cup or 1/3 oz ^c	1/3 cup or 1/2 oz ^c	3/4 cup or 1 oz ^c
Hot cooked	1/4 cup total	1/4 cup	1/2 cup
LUNCH OR SUPPER			
1. Milk	1/2 cup	3/4 cup	1 cup
2. Meat or meat alternate:			
Meat, poultry, fish, cheese	1 oz	1+1/2 oz	2 oz
Yogurt	4 oz or 1/2 cup	6 oz or 3/4 cup	8 oz or 1 cup
Egg	1 egg	1 egg	1 egg
Cooked dry beans or peas	1/4 cup	3/8 cup	1/2 cup
Peanut butter or other nut or seed butter	2 Tbsp	3 Tbsp	4 Tbsp
Peanuts or soynuts or tree nuts or seeds	1/2 oz = 50% ^d	3/4 oz = 50% ^d	1 oz = 50% ^d
3. Vegetable and/or fruit ^e (at least two)	1/4 cup total	1/2 cup total	3/4 cup total
4. Grains/Breads: ^b	1/2 slice	1/2 slice	1 slice
SNACK			
Select two of the following four components:			
1. Milk	1/2 cup	1/2 cup	1 cup
2. Juice ^{a,f} or fruit or vegetable	1/2 cup	1/2 cup	3/4 cup
3. Grains/Breads: ^b			
Bread	1/2 slice	1/2 slice	1 slice
Cereal:			
Cold dry	1/4 cup or 1/3 oz ^c	1/3 cup or 1/2 oz ^c	3/4 cup or 1 oz ^c
Hot cooked	1/4 cup	1/4 cup	1/2 cup
4. Meat or meat alternate:			
Meat, poultry, fish, cheese	1/2 oz	1/2 oz	1 oz
Egg	1/2 egg	1/2 egg	1 egg
Cooked dry beans or peas	1/8 cup	1/8 cup	1/4 cup
Peanut butter or other nut or seed butter	1 Tbsp	1 Tbsp	2 Tbsp
Peanuts or soynuts or tree nuts or seeds	1/2 oz	1/2 oz	1 oz
Yogurt, plain, or sweetened and flavored	2 oz or 1/4 cup	2 oz or 1/4 cup	4 oz or 1/2 cup

^a Must be full strength fruit or vegetable juice.

^b Must be whole grain or enriched.

^c Either volume (cup) or weight (oz), whichever is less.

^d No more than 50% of the requirement shall be met with nuts or seeds. Nuts and seeds shall be combined with another meat/meat alternate to fulfill the requirement.

^e Serve 2 or more kinds of vegetable(s) and/or fruit(s). Full strength vegetable or fruit juice may be counted to meet not more than one-half of this requirement.